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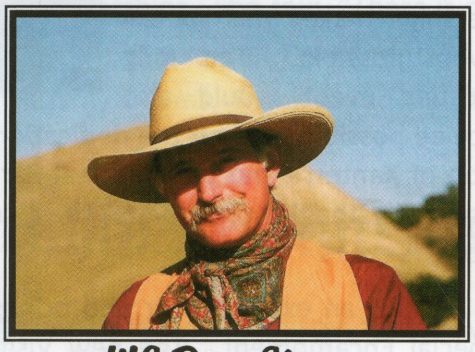
The Death Valley News

63rd Annual ~ Death Valley '49ers Encampment ~ Nov. 7—11, 2012

Join Master of Ceremonies Dave Stamey at the beautiful Furnace Creek Ranch & Resort for a week of World Class Western Entertainment, Fine Art, Pickin' & Fiddlin', Golf, Campfires, Tours, and much more!



MC Dave Stamey

Mary Kay

Belinda Gail

The Kuddabin Brothers

Terry Raft

Joshua Crosby & Lonesome Dove

President's Message

Bev Malley, President

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Advisors and Associates of the Death Valley '49ers, I would like to welcome you to the 63rd Annual Encampment. This dedicated team of volunteers along with your memberships makes this special event possible. This long existing event would also not be possible without the dedication and cooperation of Xanterra and the National Park Service. We especially thank them for all their continuing support.

This is an exciting year and brings promise of a special Encampment. The new Visitor Center has been completed and there will be a special dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting on Sunday, November 4 at 1:00 pm. This event will actually begin the Pre-Encampment program. Come visit your new, more efficient and attractive Visitor Center. There is also a brand new informative video on Death Valley, which is presented daily throughout the day.

The 2012 Encampment has the return of Dave Stamey as master of ceremonies, Chaparral, Belinda Gail, Mary Kay, Joshua Crosby, The Mt. Man and South Coast. All the events of the past Encampment will also return along with several new ones.

A very special event will bring back a major part of the history of Death Valley, namely the "20 Mule Team Borax" We are very privileged to have them and our special thanks goes to Rio Tinto (U. S. Borax) and Bobby Tanner. They will be here for the Visitor Center dedication and our Encampment.

Make your reservations early. Pre-Encampment starts November 4 and the Encampment runs from November 7th to 11th. Both of the Membership Booths will open on Wednesday, October 31st.

I believe you will find this year's keepsake most interesting as it is on the "History of Furnace Creek Ranch." This is where it all began 63 years ago at the 1949 Centennial Pageant commemorating the Death Valley Wagon Train of 1849 and the formation of the Death Valley '49ers. The Encampment continues annually at this historic place.

I personally feel very honored and privileged to have had the opportunity of working with such a dedicated and supportive team. We are all proud to serve the Death Valley '49ers and support its purpose "To promote understanding and appreciation of Death Valley and its history.. I look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Encampment.

WHAT'S NEW?

HAVE A QUESTION? JUST ASK A VOLUNTEER

For years, I've walked around the Encampment ready and willing to answer questions, direct lost event-seekers, and in general, act as a host. Problem is, no one knows that I am a Death Valley '49er board member and volunteer. I blend in with the masses; just another face in the crowd.

Thanks to the efforts of brain-storming board member Don Truby, every volunteer at this year's encampment will be wearing a yellow scarf to help identify who they are.

Keep an eye out for us. If you have a question about an event location, membership, or even general '49er history we'll be happy to help. If you have a question that we can't answer, we'll find someone who can! *-Jean Pickard*

Autumn Leikam Graduates

Autumn Leikam, a recipient of the 2008 Death Valley '49ers Scholarship Award graduated from Brooks Institute of Photography – Santa Barbara, California, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Professional Photography with a concentration in commercial. Autumn, was in the 2008 graduating class of Death Valley Academy located in Shoshone, California.

After receiving her degree, Autumn, took a position as an Assistant Photographer in Long Beach, California. She will be doing commercial photography and product work. She is looking forward to working in her chosen career.

She wanted to thank everyone who works so hard getting student scholarships. She said, "There is no way I would have been able to graduate without the '49ers scholarship. I've known that I wanted to be a photographer since I was 11 and you all made it possible for me to accomplish my dreams. Thank you so much!"

New Scholarship Recipients

Teresa Gomez of Beatty, Nevada and Amber Leikem of Charleston View, have each been awarded Death Valley '49ers scholarships for 2012. Each will receive $16,000 over four years to support their continuing education at the college, university or technical school of their choice. Teresa, will graduate from Beatty High School in May, Amber, from Death Valley Academy in June.

Teresa is Class President (for the third time). She has participated in choir, was editor of school newspaper in media, and is a member of Student Council and National Honor Society. She is active in sports having participated in volleyball, basketball, softball, and track. She participated in service activities such as school clean up, blood drive, food-drive and more. She plans on attending Pima Medical Institute in Las Vegas, NV, to become a Radiologist.

Amber received Student of the Year 2010-2011, as well as several awards for academics and extra-curricular activities. She worked as an intern teaching children from schools in the area about their environment. She did this while keeping up with her school work and maintaining her excellent grades. She was on the volleyball and track teams, is Student Body Treasurer, and on Student Council. She plans on attending Long Beach Community College; her interests are in English and Journalism.

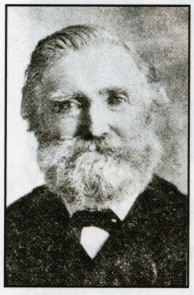
The Death Valley '49ers Scholarship was inaugurated in 1976 to assist high school graduates living in the Death Valley National Park area. Forty (40) Scholarships have been awarded since its inception. Our Scholarship is supported by member donations. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to: Treasurer, Death Valley '49ers, P. O. Box 338, Death Valley, CA 92328.

The Death Valley '49ers are an all-volunteer, tax exempt 501 © (3) organization dedicated to promoting understanding and appreciation of Death Valley and its history.

Meet a Death Valley 1849 Pioneer

Captain Edward Doty, Capt. Of The Jayhawkers

By Marvin Jensen, Life Director



Captain Edward Doty was one of the Jayhawkers who had a very successful life. His trials and tribulations, along with all the Jayhawkers are documented in books, such as "The Jayhawkers of Death Valley" by John Ellenbecker, first published in 1938.

For those unfamiliar with the Jayhawkers, they were a group of 36, mainly young, men that left Galesburg, Illinois about April 1, 1849 headed for the gold fields of California. There were 12 wagons that headed west not knowing what lie ahead. After crossing the Missouri River into Nebraska, they decided to organize themselves and gave themselves the name Jayhawkers. The first time this word was coined. They also took an initiation and oath that they would stick by each other no matter what lie ahead.

Edward Doty was born on April 6, 1820 in Madison New York. His parents were Ebenezer and Phoebe Doty and they had 10 children. Doty was a descendant of another Edward Doty who arrived in America on the Mayflower. He was 29 years old when he joined the ranks of pioneers heading west from Galesburg, Illinois.

When they arrived in Salt Lake City it was too late to continue westward because winter was approaching. They were going to wait until spring but like many others they became restless and a large wagon train was formed to take the southern route to Los Angeles. A Mormon, Capt. Jefferson Hunt, was hired as a guide at ten dollars per wagon. This wagon train ultimately became known as the 1849 Death Valley Wagon Train.

Edward and his companions survived the ordeal of Death Valley and after burning their wagons they all walked out seeking to find civilization. Doty was the second captain of the Jayhawkers. The first was Asa Haynes, but during the desert crossing he became too weak to carry on with the responsibilities and Doty was named to replace him. On February 4, 1850 they wandered into Rancho San Francisquito, looking more like skeletons than humans. The location is near present day Newhall, California. They stayed at the rancho for several days and were nourished back to health by the owner. The Jayhawkers then continued on towards Santa Barbara and Los Angles. At some point they decided to disband and some decided to form small groups to head to the gold fields.

Ten of the Jayhawkers formed a group, which included Doty. They went to Santa Barbara where they purchased horses and wagons and head north to seek gold. When they reached the Feather River they staked their claims and had some success. The group decided to build a small dam and divert the river. This created a large sandbar that was much easier to work. Shortly after there was a large rainfall and the dam was washed away along with the sandbar. The group was disheartened and decided to break up. And some decided to give up mining. Doty continued to do some mining with moderate success and in 1851 he went to San Jose and purchased several acres of farmland and became a successful farmer growing grain. He purchased the first threshing machine to arrive in San Francisco. Unfortunately his second crop was destroyed by fire including his thresher. He recovered and continued farming,

On March 5, 1854, Edward Doty married Mary Ann Robinson, who also crossed the plains the same year that he did. They reared five children, Henry, Frank, Edward, Jr., William and Margaret.

In 1876, the family moved to Naples, (now Goleta) in Santa Barbara County, where Doty had purchased 500 acres. A canyon on the land is named Doty Canyon. He was successful at farming and Doty and his family remained there the rest of his life. Edward Doty passed away on June 14, 1891. For many years his three sons, Henry, Frank and William, continued farming the land.

In the history of Santa Barbara County it states "Edward Doty was an honored and highly respected resident. A free-hearted, generous, hospitable, and he was ever ready to lend his aid to the poor and needy, and to give his hearty support to all movements calculated to advance the public welfare."

His legacy lives on in Death Valley as the rifle he carried as a Jayhawker has rested in the Death Valley Visitor Center Museum for many years.

1949 Centennial Presentation

Chester Doty, grandson of Edward Doty, presents his grand-Father's rifle to Death Valley Monument Superintendent T. R. Goodwin. Edward Doty was one of the few Jayhawkers strong enough to carry his rifle the entire trek.

PROCLAMATION FROM THE
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1849
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NEWS FLASH

FURNACE CREEK RANCH & RESORT

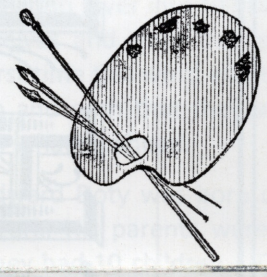
2012 CRAFT & PHOTO SHOW / CONTEST

PHOTO SHOW

Black & White, Color, Collage, 4"x 6"

CRAFT SHOW

Needlecraft, Quilting, Woodcraft, Crafts, Open



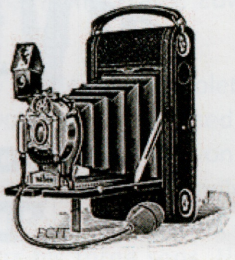
Needlecraft (Knitting, Cross-Stitch, Crochet)

Quilting (Hand, Machine)

Woodcraft (Any Wood Work)

Crafts (Leather, Gourds, Lapidary)

Open (All Other)



SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Nov. 7 – Registration: 8:00 am to Noon,
Furnace Creek Ranch at *Parkside Rooms 415 & 416*
Open Viewing & Voting: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Thursday, Nov. 8 – Open Viewing & Voting: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Ribbons Awarded after closing at 5:00pm.

Friday, Nov. 9 – Open Viewing: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Ribbons on Display. Artists Pickup Photos and Crafts: 4:00 to 5:00 pm

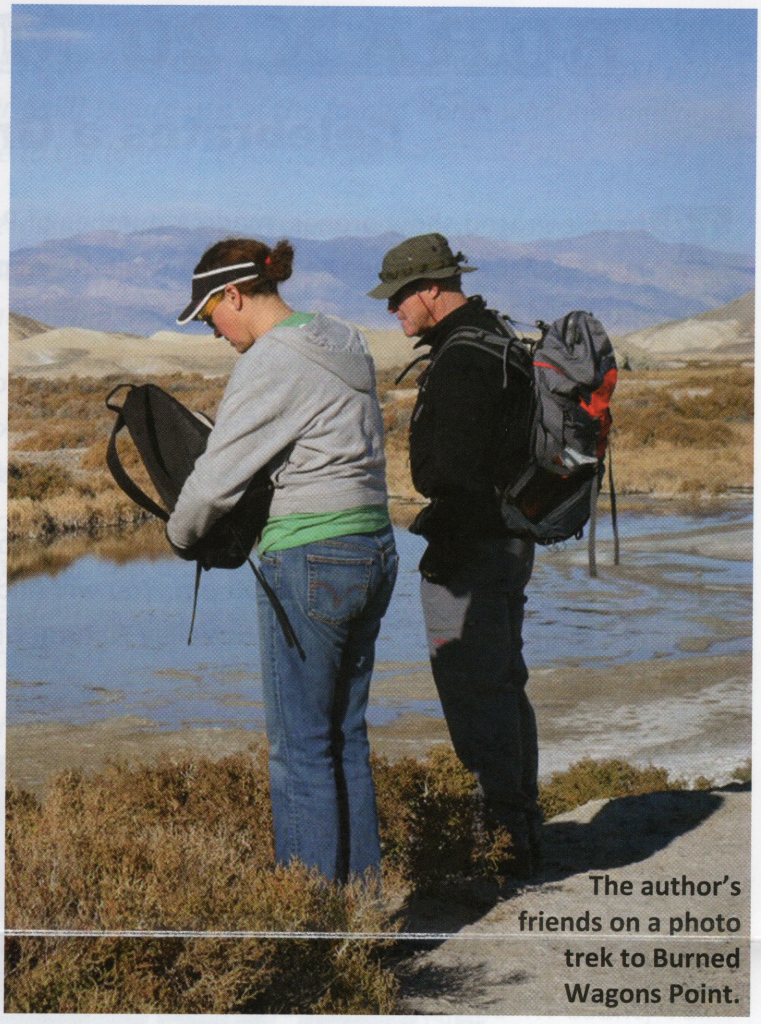
Saturday, Nov. 10 – The "*People's Choice*" Ribbons Awarded Prior to the Chaparral Performance at 7:00 pm at O' DINAH.
Artists Pickup Photos and Crafts: 8:00 to 9:00 am

We encourage all of you who do Crafts or Photography to enter this show, it's Fun and Rewarding!
This is a continuing event at Furnace Creek Ranch, YOUR FRIENDLY SHOWPLACE!!
Ron Bolyard, Chairman 1-760-379-6860 ©, Co-Chairmen: Anne Litz & Isobel Collins

Are you the next ANSEL ADAMS?

Everywhere in Death Valley, you see photographers: Trekking across dry lakes, tripod in hand; on hilltops waiting for the sunrise; up marbled canyons and amidst towering hoodoos. Photographers that range from iphone tapping shutter-bugs to telephoto lens toting professionals, tell stories through the lenses of their cameras.

Many people choose to venture off of the beaten path; some of the region's dirt roads are open to explore by vehicle, and have points of natural and historical interest that cannot be seen from the main highway. At the southern end of Racetrack Valley Road, there's a weathered National Park sign adorned with tea kettles planted at the intersection of two equally weathered dirt roads. This spot, known as Tea Kettle Junction, is a perfect example of the whimsical side of Death Valley National Park. Hundreds of photographers make the pilgrimage every year to this remote location, just to photograph the shrine.



The author's friends on a photo trek to Burned Wagons Point.

Annually, the Death Valley '49ers organization hosts a juried Photography (and craft) Show at the Encampment. Aimed at photographers of all ability levels, the event showcases all of the beautiful and interesting aspects of the Death Valley region.

The Photo Show will be held at Furnace Creek Resort, Parkside Room 415/16 from November 7th-11th. Categories include Black & White, Color, Collage, 4"x 6" and Open (photos of the Death Valley region only).

DV '49ers member Barbara Midlikoski shows off one of her beautiful nature photos.

At this year's Encampment, Death Valley '49ers member and resident photographer, Barbara Midlikoski will enter two photographs to be juried. Recently, Barbara entered three photos into the San Bernardino County Fair Photography Show and took first place in Landscape (color), second place in Artistic (color), and an honorable mention in Animals (color).

Could you be the next Ansel Adams? If so, visit the Photo & Craft Show page on our website for more detailed information and a printable list of rules and guidelines: www.deathvalley49ers.org/encampment_PhotoShow.htm, or contact Ron Bolyard at rgbolyard@earthlink.net (760)379-6860.

-Jean Pickard

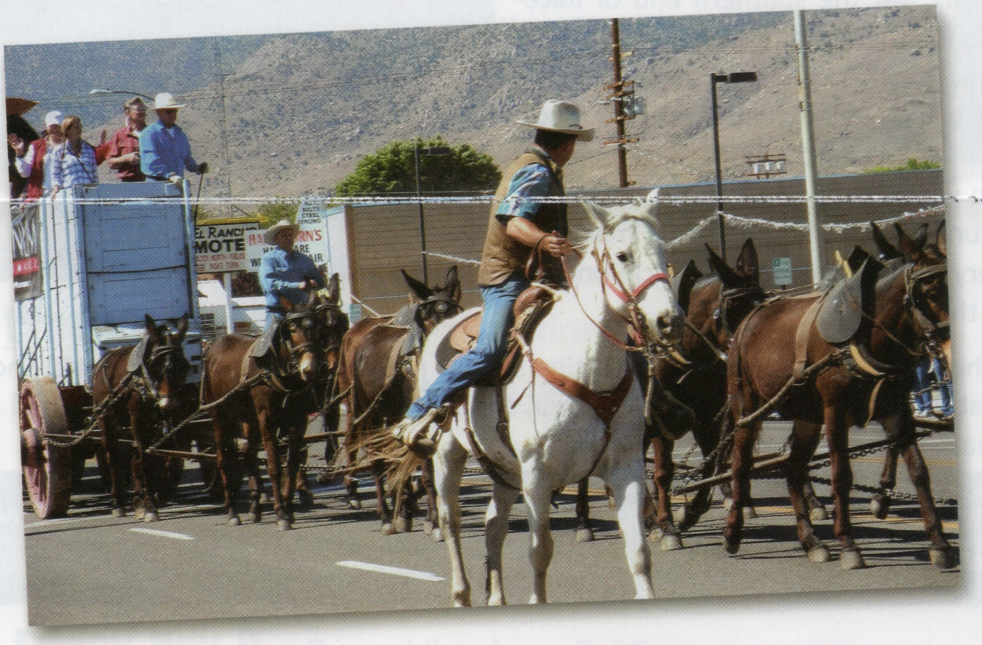
BORAX 20 MULE TEAM

Celebrates a Grand Opening

They've graced show arenas, made a number of Pasadena Rose Parade appearances and long held a special place in the hearts of Bishop Mule Days spectators. Now the **20-Mule Team** will help us celebrate at the 2012 Death Valley '49ers Encampment!

Bobby Tanner's historical Borax 20-Mule Team wagon will join us before the Encampment this year to participate in the **Grand Opening** of the Furnace Creek Visitor Center. They will also show off during the **Wagon Train procession**, alongside the Horse Riders and Wounded Warriors!

Grand Opening Festivities are scheduled for November 3rd & 4th, 2012. The **ribbon cutting** ceremony is scheduled for **Sunday the 4th at 1:00 pm**. You will find a full schedule of events in the Encampment Program, and soon on the DVNHA (Death Valley Natural History Association) website. Start planning now for these Special Events!



Reprinted courtesy of the Bishop Mule Days Celebration:

Twenty-mule teams originated in the late 1800s, born out of a need to ferry borax, a component of glass production and many detergents, out of the Death Valley region between 1883 and 1889. The teams hauled more than 20 million pounds of borax out of Death Valley in the six years of operation. The teams were relieved of their task by the growth of railroads and new mineral deposit discoveries.

Yet, the teams were never forgotten by the public, thanks in part to the trademark team symbol that appeared on products produced by the company that would become U.S. Borax, Inc. The teams, although retired from their Death Valley trips, continued to make promotional and ceremonial appearances on behalf of U.S. Borax.

*Led by Bishop's own **Bobby Tanner**, the 20-Mule Team's unique hitch requires many hours of preparation for an appearance such as Bishop Mule Days. This year Tanner (will) secure use of the famed Borax wagons, adding a distinct historical value to the team's performances.*

In the months preceding Mule Days, Tanner and his crew tackle the dynamics of finding just the right weight-to-braking ratio, deal with the complexities of making tight turns with the roughly 170-foot long team and wagons, and spend hours fine-tuning the critical relationship between teamster and team.

What would surely be a daunting task for even the most experienced mule man is a way of life for Tanner. He drove his first 20-mule team in 1981, unknowingly launching himself into a 30-year journey of re-creating one of the West's most beloved icons. It's a journey that's taken him across the country and given him the opportunity to share a piece of Americana with thousands of people.

Tanner's father, Bob Sr., was among those who founded the Bishop Mule Days Celebration in 1969. As a result, Bobby Tanner has participated in nearly all 42 Bishop Mule Days celebrations, often winning awards for individual and packing events. He served as president of the event's Executive Committee in 1990.

Today, Tanner owns and operates Rock Creek Lodge, a collection of cabins, a store and restaurant nestled in the trees close to Rock Creek, a favorite Eastern Sierra getaway.

Bishop Mule Days will be held Memorial Day Weekend, May 21st-26th, 2013 at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. For more information, visit their website at www.muledays.org. *- Jean Pickard*

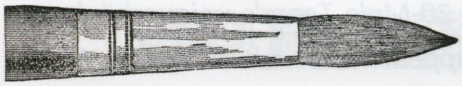
GOLD PANNING PRACTICE & CONTEST

On Friday, November 9th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, we will be happy to teach you how to pan for Gold. Chairman Fran Leftwich and Co-Chairman Ted Tatro, along with several committee members look forward to showing you the tricks of the trade; how the Panning is done and hopefully how to win!

Friday's practice session and Saturday's Contest w ill take place near the tennis courts at Furnace Creek Ranch & Resort. Sign-ups for the contest starts Saturday . Nov. 10th at 8:00 am and STOP at 8:55 am SHARP. The actual Gold Panning Contest will begin at 9:00 am and, depending on the number of contestants, should end by 12 :00 noon.

Plan now to join in the fun BUT please remember that getting a lesson on Friday is very helpful—and we are eager to teach you. Do NOT forget to wear your 2012 Membership Badge to participate on either day.

Be sure to mark your Program Book for these two days and have fun!



Plein-air Painting Competition

The definition of "Plein-air" according to Webster Dictionary: en plein-air is French *--in open air. Plein-air (plan"ar") adj .Of having to do with certain* ***Impressionist Schools*** *and styles of painting that originated in France about 1870 and aimed at representation of effects of atmosphere and light that cannot be observed in the studio; open-air.*

In the words of Artist William Rushing: "outdoors, on location, loose-done painting." One of the best Plein-air artist was the late Robert Woods. Woods would sketch a painting--then return to the location day-after-day, about 10 minutes later each day, to capture the true light and shadows.

Guidelines were written by the Art Show Committee and have been given to each Artist. Their canvas, paper, or other material will be stamped at the Art Show Thursday morning. Each artist will paint Thursday and Friday. Painting subjects must be of people, places, things, scenery, animals, etc. within Death Valley National Park. Every year more artists enter the competition. All Plein-air entries are displayed for judging and auctioning at the "Breakfast with the Artist" on Saturday morning.

Three judges will review all of the entries to be sure they meet the committee's guidelines. First, Second and Third place ribbons will be awarded to the winning Artists before the Auction begins (Artists and Buyers will both receive a ribbon).

The Artist and Death Valley 49ers Scholarship Fund share equally on the artwork sales.

THE PAMPERED PET PARADE

We hope that you have started to think about and maybe put together a costume for your pet to wear during the 2012 Pampered Pet Parade. The Parade will take place at Furnace Creek again this year and we are hoping to have more of your pets in this fun event.

Be sure to wear your current Membership Badge and to also have your pet leashed and under control. It has also been advised that your pet's rabies shots be current.

Your original costume and/or a purchased costume will make your pet feel a part of the activities and we know from experience the pets seem to know that they are on parade as they love "to show off."

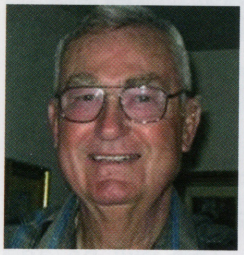
So when you get your Program Book be sure to mark Wednesday, November 7th as the date of the Parade. Signups will begin at 9:00 am with a cut off at 9:55 am.

We look forward to seeing you and your Pet ready for the fun of this Event.

Letha Tatro, Chairman of Pampered Pet Parade

Chester W. St. Clair

1940-2012 - In Loving Memory



Chester W. St. Clair, Wagon Master, Death Valley '49er, and friend to all, passed away August 15, 2012 at age 72. The Death Valley '49ers wish to extend our deepest condolences to Chester's family and friends.

Chester was born on May 26, 1940, in San Ardo to William R. St. Clair and Gladys Chloe St. Clair. He moved to Arkansas in 1951 after the death of his father and lived with his grandparents. His grandfather farmed with a mule team. There he learned to harness and drive horses and mules, which ever was available.

In high school, Chester was involved with wrestling, boxing and FFA. He then joined the Navy in 1957 and was stationed in San Diego, before transferring to the USS General J.C. Breckinridge, a military transport ship, making 33 trips across the Pacific.

In 1958, Chester met Pat Hildreth in San Diego and married her in Nov. 1959 while living in Oakland, where they stayed until he was discharged in 1961. He went to work at Owens Illinois Glass in Oakland. The couple settled in Pleasanton where their son Raymond was born in 1962.

USS General J.C. Breckinridge

After numerous calls from his father-in-law Bob Hildreth to take over the business in Ridgecrest, Chester and his family finally moved in 1963. He operated a two truck and wrecking yard during the day and then went to work as a car salesman in the evening. After Bob was killed in an auto accident in 1964, Chester took on the responsibility to operate Hildreth Motors, a Dodge Dealership and AAA Towing company with 24 employees.

In 1966, the couple had their daughter Theresa and their second son Thomas in 1969. In 1988, Thomas was killed in an auto accident.

In 1985, the dealership was sold and they changed the name to St. Clair Automotive, remaining a towing, used car lot and auto body shop. First and foremost, he loved driving a one-ton truck and the business he had for 64 years with the Automobile Association Club of Southern California.

After a trip in 1990, Chester started a tradition to go to Death Valley in a wagon driven by mules, beginning in 1991. They didn't miss a trip until 2011. He was the wagon master for nine years. Chester was involved with the California Sesquicentennial in 1999 where he joined fellow wagon masters and had a 100 -mile drive into Stockton with all original wagons. In Ridgecrest, he hauled the Fair directors and Santa in the "old wagon" in the parade the last few years. He loved seeing the kids react to Santa.

Chet and his mule Bertha. Chet and Pat St. Claire with their grandson, Willy lead the wagon train into Furnace Creek, during the Encampment.

He is preceded in death by his parents William St. Clair and Gladys Chloe St. Clair and son Thomas St. Clair. He is survived by his wife if 52 years Pat of Ridgecrest, son Raymond of Ridgecrest, daughter Theresa Knight of Ridgecrest, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services were held on Aug. 23 at 9:30 a.m. at Calvary Chapel, officiated by Terry Morrison. He was laid to rest at Desert Memorial Park.

Excerpt from Death Valley '49ers Keepsake 49, *Wagons Ho! Corral 14 — Its Living Heritage*:

Wagon Master 1993-2004

Chet St. Clair experienced Death Valley for the first time in 1989. He rode his mule Bertha as an outrider with Cary Seale's wagon. I guess it's safe to say he was hooked. The experience started a long time association with Corral 14 and Death Valley. Chet fell in love with everything about Death Valley and in 1990 built his own wagon and broke a team so he could participate in the drive that year. He was accompanied by his wife Pat and their five year old grandson, Willy. Chet has been a dedicated participant to this drive every year since becoming wagon master in 1993. He has worked tirelessly to improve the relationship between Corral 14, the 49er's and park rangers. Chet and Pat are always part of the wagon train and have brought their children and grandchildren along to experience the wonders of Death Valley. In 1999 Chet was the driving force that put Corral 14 into the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train. He led approximately six wagons on this great occasion.

QUILT RAFFLE 2012

"DESERT NIGHT MUSIC"

Honoring Encampment Musicians

50"x 62"

Proceeds Benefit

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Donation $1.00 each, 6 for $5.00

Drawing to Be Held at the

DESERT NIGHT MUSIC campfire by Ol' Dinah November 10, 2012

Winner Need Not Be Present to Win

MEMBERSHIP BOOTH OPENS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31st

The Membership Committee is looking forward to the 2012 Encampment. This will be an exciting year because the Grand Opening and Dedication of the new Visitors Center will be during the Encampment. The Dedication will take place on Sunday, November 4th at 1:00 pm.

We are ready to sell memberships and tell you about all of the exciting things going on this year. On a trial basis, we will be offering a new membership level for **single members** to be sold at encampment only. Booths at Furnace Creek Ranch will open on October 31st. We will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm daily until Saturday Nov. 10th. Your membership is vital to the success of your encampment. Looking forward to seeing everyone at encampment.

Joan Wells Dann, Chairman

2012 ARTIST COMPOSITE

A work in progress

The completed piece of artwork will be auctioned off at the 'Breakfast with the Artists' at the Furnace Creek Golf Course Saturday, November 10th.

Proceeds benefit the '49er Educational Programs.

VISIT THE ART SHOW AT THE ENCAMPMENT TO SEE THE FINISHED PROJECT!

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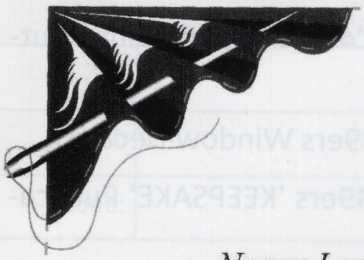

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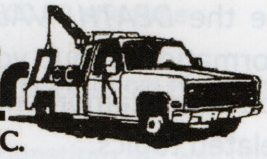

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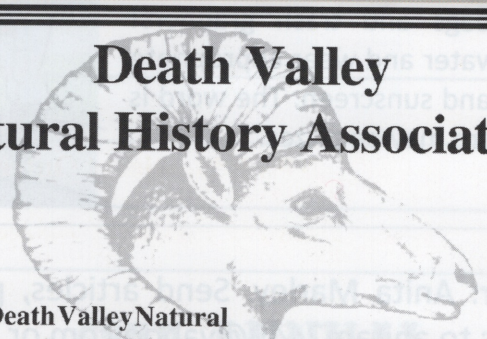

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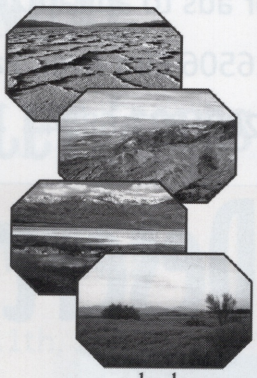

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DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK IS HAVING A CLEANUP DAY!

Come join us on November 1st at 10:00am until noon for the 2nd annual Death Valley '49er Encampment Volunteer Event! This year we will be picking up the wind blown trash from in and around the campgrounds. Meet at the Campground Host area of your campground in Furnace Creek, Sunset, or Texas Spring Campgrounds. If you are not staying in one, pick a campground and join in!

Park service will furnish garbage bags and trash grabbers! Bring water and wear appropriate shoes and sunscreen. The word is out there may be prizes.

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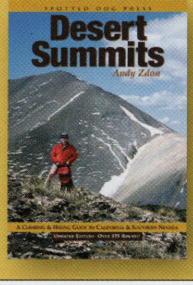
by geologist Andy Zdon



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One of the best gifts you can give is a membership with the Death Valley '49ers. When you give a membership, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to expand public awareness of Death Valley, helping to protect and preserve it for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Your gift membership also helps to award college scholarships to local graduating seniors.

Your gift membership will earn the recipient these exciting benefits:

- Entrance into all 2010 Death Valley '49ers Encampment activities!
- Two Death Valley '49ers Membership Buttons
- One Death Valley '49ers Window Decal
- One Death Valley '49ers 'KEEPSAKE' Publication
- One issue of the upcoming Death Valley '49ers Encampment Program Guide listing all of the activities at the November Encampment
- One subscription to our semi-annual news magazine the *DEATH VALLEY NEWS*, filled with information about your fellow '49ers, the upcoming encampment and other Death Valley related topics.

Visit our Gift Membership page on our website for more information about Gift Memberships, Commemorative & Memorial Gifts, and Planned Giving:

www.deathvalley49ers.org/membership_gifts.htm

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE DEATH VALLEY '49ERS

Membership Application

Each paid membership will include:

- 2 Death Valley '49ers Membership Buttons (which allow access to all Encampment activities)
- 1 Death Valley '49ers Window Decal
- 1 Annual KEEPSAKE publication
- 1 Subscription to the semi-annual news magazine, "Death Valley News"
- 1 Issue of the next Death Valley '49ers Encampment Program

membership packets will be mailed out to you in mid September, in time for the November Encampment.

Membership Application

(please fill out this form, print it out and mail along with your check or money order to the address below)

Name:		
Address:		
City:		
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Single: $20.00 per year (sold at Encampment only)	
Regular: $35.00 per year	
Corporate: $300.00 per year	
Life: $500.00 one time	
Educational Programs $	
Donations are welcome $	
Membership amount $	
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